

FAMOUS BATTLES CHANGED FIGHTING STYLES

John L. Sullivan's Bruising, Savage Methods Displaced by the Clever, Dancing, Jabbing Action of Corbett, Whose Style Was in Turn Succeeded by the Craftiness of Fitz, Who Held Sway Until Giant Jeffries Made New Epoch in Ring History.

THESE memories go back far enough to remember several epoch-making battles in the ring. Usually the heavyweights set the style in fighting. This is because the heavyweight champion of the world is the only real champion—the champion of all champions, because as champion of all the superior class he is master of all the class champions of smaller size.

When John L. Sullivan was first champion of the world he was champion under London Prize Ring Rules. The Marquis of Queensberry had not yet attained much popularity. Men who wanted to fight a prize fight dodged the sheriff, found some isolated spot in the woods and fought to a finish. The ten-round no-decision fight hadn't been invented then. Fighters were real fighters.

In England and Australia the sport was highly regarded. It was quite the thing for a Prince of Wales to be an amateur in fighting—that is, to go to fights and make his wagers like any sporting cove. Even a King of England has been known to take a lively interest in the game.

Sullivan was the first heavyweight champion to change from the bare-knuckle style to the gloves. Glove fighting was becoming popular, and John L. wasn't the man to stand in the way of progress. His first really big fight with Corbett, it happened, was the one that cost him the championship of the world—the fight with young Jim Corbett at New Orleans. Having grown on his hands was no handicap to Corbett, although he had done his turn with the "raw uns" too.

John L. Sullivan, a very popular man during the days when he travelled all over the country knocking out all comers in four rounds, set the style in boxing. Sullivan was a bruiser, big, powerful, quick, and a terrific biter. He beat his men by rushing at them savagely and hammering them down. His favorite blow was what John called his "back lung blow." That name is suggestive. It tells the story. Sullivan's attack terrorized his victims and caused them to double over in hope of being able to save their skins from John's slaughtering right hand swing. And when they were bent over John simply used his "back lung blow," which was a clublike swing of the right arm in which the whole forearm struck along the victim's shoulder-blades, smashing all the breath out of him and hurling him to the floor on his face.

THEY ADMIRER THE SAVAGE SORT IN SULLIVAN'S DAY.

When John L. was in his prime the style in heavyweights was the big, gruff voiced fellow with a swollen, savage glare in his eye and a primitive longing to beat somebody to a pulp.

Then came Corbett and styles changed in a moment. Corbett was tall, slender, well built, suave and diplomatic. His fighting was like his personality—smooth, shifty and clever and showy and yet quite effective. He danced about lightly. He used his hands like fella. He jabbed swiftly and danced away. He wasn't hurt and he didn't hurt. He fought to the ground by hitting them on the "back lung." He didn't growl. He didn't glare.

Corbett was the matador in the ring at New Orleans. Sullivan the plugging bull. And the matador's sword turned the trick.

Next day Sullivan as a fighting ideal had vanished. Every fighter in America wanted to be like Corbett. "Outclever them" like Corbett. Boxing instructors taught their pupils to dance and jab.

That faded as long as Corbett ended when he met his finish at Carson. Bob Fitzsimmons, crafty, patient, shifty and slipping along the floor and delivering tremendous hooks intended to knock his man out whenever one landed, became the model. A lot of fighters in all classes tried to emulate Fitzsimmons. Some were developing something remotely resembling the Fitzsimmons style when along came the young giant, Jim Jeffries.

Jeff opposed Bob's craft and his violent punches with bulk and power.

Crescents Beat The Hockey Club In Rough Battle

The Crescent A. C. took an undisturbed lead in the Amateur Hockey League championship series by defeating the Hockey Club seven in a rough and tumble game by a score of 5 to 1.

Miss Minneapolis Is Headliner at Motor Boat Show

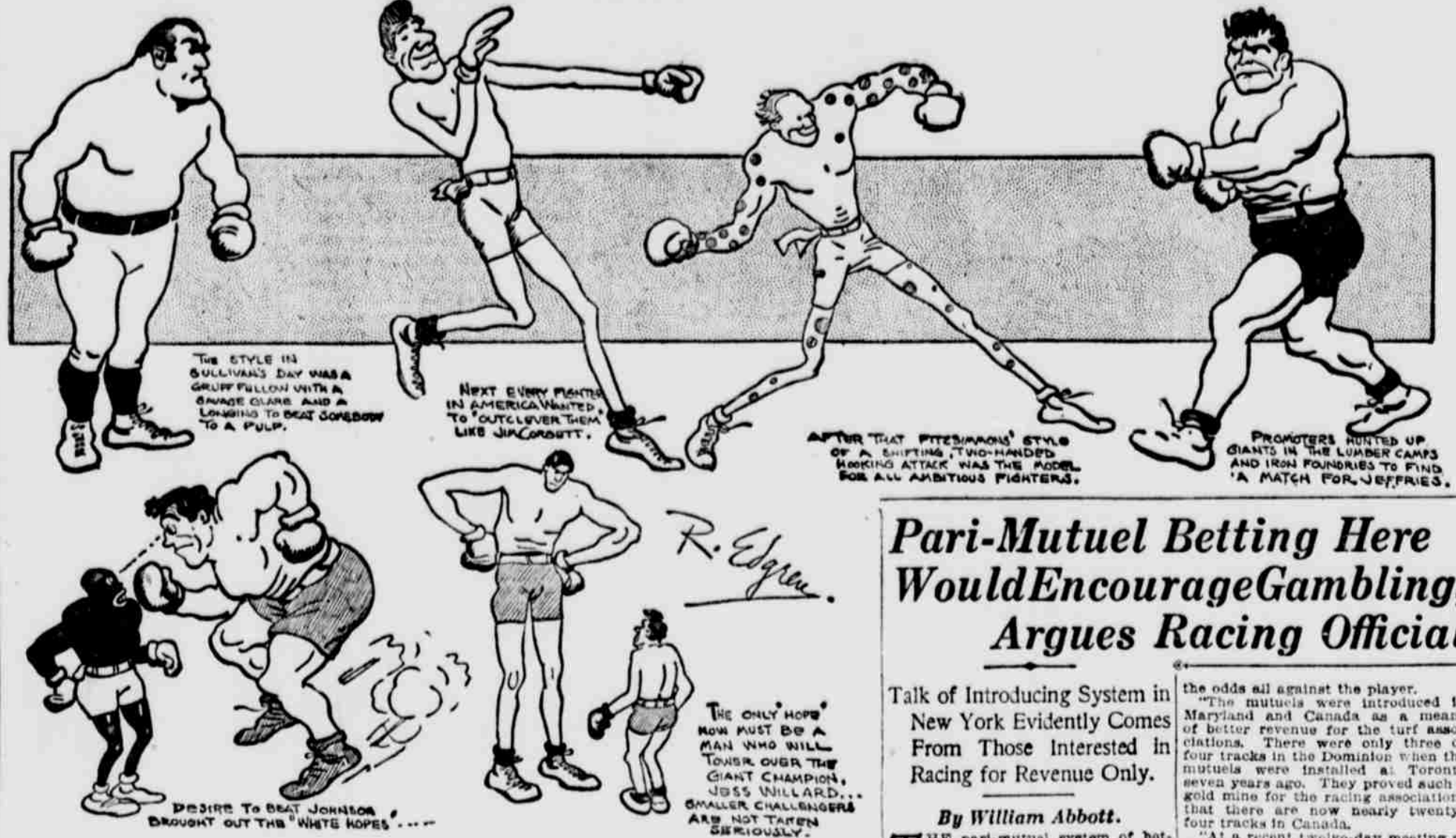
The thirtieth annual Motor Boat Show will open at Grand Central Palace this afternoon. The show this year is termed "Naval Year." All the exhibits have a preparedness tendency, and in educational features such organizations as the Naval Training Association, the Navy League, the Junior Navy League and the Power Squadron will deliver lectures and evening deliver lectures on preparedness. The United States Navy will have representatives present to look over the various types of motor boats with a view of purchasing them for submarine chasers. The army will also be represented. One of the outstanding features of the show will be the showing of Miss Minneapolis, credited with being the fastest boat in the world. The boat, which is called the "mile-a-minute," is the first to have a one-minute record of a mile in less than a minute. Miss Minneapolis won the championship cup last summer and will defend her title this coming season.

Dr. Ferguson Wins Billiard Prize.
Dr. Henry A. Ferguson is the round-up today of an exceptionally fine and exciting billiard championship. Dr. Ferguson, who is a member of the Billiard Club, defeated the champion, J. J. Slattery, by 45 to 43 to win the championship of the club. Eighty-eight members of the club competed in the tournament, which lasted about two months. Thomas Adams was the donor of the prize.

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HOW CHAMPIONS SET STYLES IN FIGHTING

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Ball Players Plan to Appoint Board To Confer With National Commission

Fraternity Will Be Left Out in the Cold if Scheme Goes Through of Selecting Three Signed Men to Adjust Players' Differences.

By Bozeman Bulger.

THOUGH they have kept it well guarded until the last twenty-four hours, there is a movement now on foot among the major league ball players not in sympathy with the so-called strike that threatens to freeze out the Fraternity completely. It is likely to cause an upheaval in league circles.

Letters have been exchanged between these players. It is understood, looking toward the appointment of three of them as a board to co-operate with the National Commission and club owners in straightening out any differences that may arise in the future.

The league Presidents, it will be remembered, declared several days ago that they would be glad to recognize and deal with such a board, but that they would no longer have anything to do with the Fraternity. That meant, of course, that the players would have no representatives through which they could speak unless they got on the job immediately. And they have been busy. Fully 50 per cent. of the major leagues have already signed new contracts or are already bound by old ones and, as a body, they have suddenly realized that they now have no medium of reaching the Commission.

The board that is to be named is to be composed of actual players under contract who will have no legal representative. They must transact the business themselves. An inkling of this came to the officials yesterday and they were immensely pleased. There will be no difficulty in finding three players fully capable of attending to this business as many of the smartest minds in the business are not in accord with the Fraternity.

For instance, there are Ty Cobb, Eddie Collins and Larry Doyle. In fact it is rumored that these three names have been considered for the board. If this movement crystallizes into real organization it will be a severe blow to the union, as the board will be recognized for transacting business and David Feltz will not. In other words, the Fraternity would be left out in the cold, and many young players, being anxious about their future, would be quick to shift their allegiance.

There is no doubt that ball players on strike have been alarmed during

Dave Fultz to Hire Hall so Fans May Hear Players' Grievances

Umpires and ballplayers frequently tell each other to "hire a hall." And that's just the thing that Dave Fultz, President of the Players' Fraternity intends doing so that the public may hear the players' side of the controversy with the magnates. Fultz says he'll hire Madison Square Garden or Carnegie Hall and the fans will be admitted free so that they can hear why the players are up in arms against the club owners.

Fultz will not be the only one to take the platform. Twenty or thirty big leaguers, maybe more, will be there with him and ready to verify anything that he states. Some of the players will make speeches or tell their experiences with minor league club owners.

The President of the fraternity declared today that he was delighted with the meeting on Thursday night and that the players were more determined than ever to stick by their promise. According to Fultz, Charles H. Ebbets of the Robins visited several of his players in an effort to get them to sign new contracts. In every case the players turned a deaf ear to Ebbets' pleading. Fultz says that the Brooklyn Club has the strongest representation in the fraternity.

The past few days at the surprising number of athletes who are sending in their contracts, notwithstanding the order sent out from headquarters of the Fraternity.

Very few of the big stars of the game and the youngsters have aligned themselves with the strikers. Fultz, who has been in the game since 1904, says that he is not a member of the Fraternity. He can well afford to sympathize, say the club owners, as long as he doesn't have to give up any of that salary.

Now comes Grover Alexander, perhaps the greatest star in the National League, offering to sign up for \$15,000, but willing to hold out at \$5,000. His interest is with his own salary, and not with the strike.

At that, Alexander's request for his money is entitled to serious consideration, and, very likely, he will get more than \$5,000. With men like Cobb getting \$20,000, Speaker \$16,000, Johnson \$12,500 and Collins \$12,000, it really does look as if the Great Alexander, the National League's one big star, should be entitled to more than \$5,000. But Mr. Baker says he can't afford to pay more, and there you are. It works a hardship both ways.

Mr. Baker makes public a letter in which he expressed surprise that Alexander should ask for more than \$5,000. If that is true, Mr. Baker is the only person who knows that is surprised. Alex was thinking about a bigger salary all last season, and his work seems to have warranted it.

Latest News of the Links

Almost 150 men, eligible for the Seneca Golf Association tournament, will hold their first annual dinner at Delmonico's Monday evening. Frank Press, Chairman of the Junior Committee, has asked those who intend to attend to name some victim of contention whose company will be desirable through the several evening courses. Those present will be asked to select a date and elect new officers for the growing association.

Thompson and London Win.
Jack Thompson, the colored heavyweight, stopped Soldier Kearns in the fourth round at the Vanderbilt A. C. last night. Thompson was handling Kearns a severe beating when the referee interfered to save Kearns from a knockout. The weights were: Kearns, 165 pounds; Thompson, 194. In the semi-final of six rounds, Jack London, the newly arrived heavyweight, easily defeated Rufus Cameron, colored, London weighed 171 pounds and Cameron 195.

Pari-Mutuel Betting Here Would Encourage Gambling, Argues Racing Official

Talk of Introducing System in New York Evidently Comes From Those Interested in Racing for Revenue Only.

By William Abbott.

THE pari-mutuel system of betting, instead of helping, would really harm horse racing in this state. To install the machines on New York tracks would practically be the same as legalizing policy selling, with its great temptation to every one to gamble. The mutuels were installed on Maryland and Canadian tracks mainly for revenue for the racing associations, and they have never been popular with turf-goers.

This is how a prominent turf official of thirty-five years' experience views the suggestion of the State Racing Commission to have the mutuels placed on New York tracks.

This authority, who asked to have his name withheld until he could thoroughly study the commission's report, said that from his experience under Maryland and Canada turf conditions the placing of betting machines here would not be a success.

"I strongly favor anything that would benefit horse racing," said this official, "but I feel sure that the mutuel system would harm rather than improve the New York turf. The machine does not encourage wagering at the track instead of restricting it. This method of betting is simply a legalized form of policy selling, with the odds all against the player."

"The mutuels were introduced in Maryland and Canada as a means of better revenue for the turf associations. There were only three or four tracks in the Dominion when the mutuels were installed at Toronto seven years ago. They proved such a gold mine for the racing associations that there are now nearly twenty-four tracks in Canada."

"At a recent twelve-day meeting at Pimlico the machines netted the racing association something like \$125,000. All this, of course, came out of the winners' share."

"With the machines a player takes a double chance on his selection, winning and the amount of his winning. No one ever knows in advance what his winnings will be. The mutuel pay on a pro rata basis and the heavier the play on a particular horse the smaller will be the return. The disadvantage of this system may be easily understood when it is compared with the bookmaking because the player with the bookmaker knows exactly what the odds are and what his winnings will amount to."

The mutuel system is all against the player, explained our authority. "On Maryland tracks 5 per cent is deducted, which means that if the player wins \$2 he only receives \$1.90. Then there's what is known as a breakage, the clipping of penny fractions. If the winner's ticket calls for \$3.89 he only is paid \$3.80, the 9 cents going as breakage, or what in poker would be considered a kitty. It would be the same in the bookmaking, \$3.89, the amount paid would be \$3.80. This breakage is good for about one and a quarter per cent. of the total amount placed with the machines. Down at Pimlico 10 per cent is taken out as a tax in addition to breakage, so you can get an idea of the odds against the player."

The mutuels also encourage unsportsmanlike conduct in outside circles. The machines are greatly susceptible to this outside wagging. A player may see \$4,000 in a machine only to return a few minutes later to find that the ticket has been paid \$10,000 because of the "come-back" money that could not be placed in other cities and was returned to the mutuels to be played. Naturally a big loss to the player will greatly reduce the winner's share."

"The mutuels, of course, have their good points, but they are almost entirely for the racing associations and not for the bettor. A bettor's delight in backing their judgment on thoroughbreds with something substantial."

The movement to have machine betting installed in New York seems doomed to failure because the Legislature must pass a constitutional amendment to permit a change in betting and there is little chance of becoming there in no year. The public demand for the mutuel system."

STUYVESANT WON'T HAVE THINGS ALL ITS OWN WAY.

There will be no lack of speedy sprinting at the fourteenth annual track and field games of the P. S. A. L. to be held to-night at the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. As usual, close competition is predicted for the youngsters have been in constant practice and the games have always attracted the schoolboys to such a point that hundreds of the leading flyers in the scholastic circuit turn out to capture the prizes and help to roll up points for their school.

In the past, the coach of Stuyvesant High School entered a large and well-balanced team, which would enable the school to capture the point trophy easily. But this year, the fifteenth Street boys won't have things their own way, as Boys' High and the Varsity have entered a large squad of cracks to perform in the various events.

Welling and Burman Win.
Joe Welling of Chicago easily outpointed Leo Johnson, the colored lightweight, at the Harlem Sporting Club last night. Welling gave Johnson a merry chase, giving the lead to Johnson for Joe's right hand and running around the ring to avoid being hit on the chin. In the seventh Joe Burman of Chicago gave Willie Astley a neat lacing, dropping him in the third round.

RACING SELECTIONS.
NEW ORLEANS.
First Race—Joe D. Thos. Calloway, Jukla.
Second Race—Edna Kenna, Southerland.
Third Race—Balala, High Horse, York Lad.
Fourth Race—Pleasureville, Yodeler, Herbert Temple.
Fifth Race—Syrian, Bob Henley, Hubbs.
Sixth Race—Dr. Carmen, Hara and Stars, Moe Herrmann.
Seventh Race—Moss Fox, Steclair, Mole Park.

Guest Coach Brown, manager of Madison Square Garden, has matched George W. Foster and Fred Peltz, heavyweights, to box at the Garden Feb. 12. This is the first fight in Brown's management career for the heavyweight championship. He announced Harry Pollack, manager for Foster, and Fred Peltz, manager for Foster, and Fred Peltz, manager for Foster.

PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Baer

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RABID RUDOLPH

THE Washington team will train further south this spring. Sixth place in north for those birds.

The baseball strike is partly successful. Players have been asked to lay off during February.

The Senators are something like Fred McKay. They get dizzy when they are above fifth place. And standing on his own feet affects Fred like riding in an aeroplane affects you.

FRED ALWAYS LIKES TO VOL-PLANE TO THE CANVAS.

Public is almost as excited over the baseball strike as a jaguar would be over a package of shredded wheat.

YEA BO.

Secret meeting of baseball players apparently decided to keep the strike secret too.

Fight fans complain that they can't get seats at the clubs. Thought interesting fight fans but the exits.

Never hear a chess fan complaining he can't get a seat.

Write Hays is going after the three-o'clock train. He'll get a flat tire.

In order to please the fight fans who object to the bun sauce, punk steaks and the bad air, the next fight club will be designed by Lady Duff-Gordon.

The ring will be patterned after the floor used by the Vernon Castles in their famous dances.

The first battle will be between the Duff Sisters. Paul Swan will referee.

LIL PEPPER.

Doesn't seem like a fight unless somebody aims tobacco juice at your ear, tosses a million dollars' worth of gold coins down your neck, or unless Jesse James your seat. Being uncomfortable makes the evening legal.

Nobody goes to a fight to enjoy themselves nowadays except the fighters.

YOU SAID IT.

Wilbur Flap, who came within 8,000 miles of being arrested, is now going to be a full-time politician.

All arrangements have been completed for Zbioxux Gwypmuff's vaudeville tour. Zbioxux is the name of a new vaudeville act. All arrangements have been completed for Zbioxux Gwypmuff's vaudeville tour. Zbioxux is the name of a new vaudeville act. All arrangements have been completed for Zbioxux Gwypmuff's vaudeville tour. Zbioxux is the name of a new vaudeville act.

With vaudeville all the rage, why should scrappers hog the stage?

YOU SAID A SPOONFUL.

Dave Caldwell's Famous Sprint Wins Him Race

Dave Caldwell of the Boston A. A. ran true to form in the special 1,000-yard run at the Young Men's Democratic League games in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory. Caldwell, who has been noted for his famous sprint, bided his time in the special race and, waiting until the last half lap, he closed in rapidly in the last half lap, by half a dozen yards.

Five men faced the starter, and Dick Egan, the Irish American A. C. veteran, dashed to the front with the bang of the gun. Caldwell was right behind him, with Jimmy Fox and another of the Irish-American, close up and Leslie and Mat Gels of the Millrose A. A. bringing up the rear.

Neither Homer Baker nor Joe Higgins started in the race, but they were ready to hold up the Irish-American end. It was a losing struggle, however, for in the fourth lap he was out of the race. Caldwell was right behind him, with Jimmy Fox and another of the Irish-American, close up and Leslie and Mat Gels of the Millrose A. A. bringing up the rear.

Perth Amboy, a big prize race in the 300-yard sprint, in which he defeated among others Irving Howe of the Irish-American A. C., George Derrall of the Boys' Club, Junior national champion Andy Kelly, the national champion, and Billy Moore of Princeton. Harry Metcalf of the Faulstich A. C. who has won seven fast time prizes in a long career, met his Waterloo in the five-mile road race which started at 10 o'clock. Caldwell won the trophy with a score of 24 points.

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SPORTING.
QUEENSBORO A. C. TO-NIGHT.
Slight storm to be expected. The weather will be clear and bright. The temperature will be in the 40s.

Baseball Club, Hudson, N. Y. 1917. The Hudson River Baseball Club will play at the Hudson River Grounds, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1917. The game will be played at 2 o'clock.

Tenlight, Palmetto A. C., 137 St. 64 Av. N. Y. C. 1917. The Palmetto Athletic Club will play at the Palmetto Athletic Club, 137 St. 64 Av. N. Y. C. 1917. The game will be played at 2 o'clock.